

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

## Minutes

March 4, 5, and 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street in Christiansburg. All Board members were present. Registrar Connie Viar was in attendance.

In accordance with the Code of Virginia, Section-24.2-106, the Electoral Board voted to organize as follows, effective March 1, 2020: Chairman: Dean Dowdy; Vice-Chairman: John Sills; Secretary: Carroll Williams.

Secretary Williams moved to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2020 meeting. Vice-Chairman Sills seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Under other business, Registrar Viar reported that she had received two complaints regarding the election at D-5 Christiansburg Middle School. The Board discussed the complaints and the Chief Officer's recollection of events, then directed the Registrar to compose replies to the two voters.

Registrar Viar left the meeting and at 1:45 pm, the Board began the canvass of the March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary. Statements of Results were reviewed. Printout tapes, ancillary forms, and statement entries were compared for accuracy. Signatures of Officers of Election were confirmed.

Registrar Viar rejoined the meeting. At 2:35 pm, the canvass was recessed, and the Provisional Ballot meeting was convened in open session. The Registrar presented her research on seven provisional ballots and answered questions from the Board. The Board voted to approve two ballots and reject five ballots. An eighth provisional ballot cast for lack of photo ID on Election Day was not considered, since a copy of the ID had not been received. The Board returned to the canvass and recessed at 4:09 pm until Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Board reconvened the canvass on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and completed its review of precinct paperwork. The Board did not reconvene the provisional ballot meeting, because no photo ID has been submitted for the remaining ballot. The canvass was recessed at 10:52 am.

The Board reconvened the canvass meeting at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and reconvened the provisional ballot meeting in open session at 1:05 pm. No photo ID had been received by the Friday noon deadline, so the Board voted to reject the remaining provisional ballot. The Board adjourned the provisional ballot meeting at 1:06 and returned to the canvass.

The Board opened the envelopes and shuffled the two accepted ballots. The ballots were examined, the votes tallied, and the results entered on the Provisional Precinct Statement of Results. The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Of the eight provisional ballots cast in the March 3, 2020 Democratic Presidential Primary, the Board approved two. The remaining six ballots were not counted. Two voters were found to have voted in the wrong precinct. Two were found to be registered in other Virginia localities. One voter was not found to be registered in Virginia. One voter did not provide photo identification before the deadline.

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Marshall D. Dowdy  
Chairman

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John A. Sills  
Vice-Chairman

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Carroll D. Williams  
Secretary